GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
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Smuggling of Drugs
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of cross border smuggling including smuggling of drugs during the last three years, border-wise;

(b) the value and the type of the smuggled goods seized and the number of the people caught on the charges of smuggling during the said period, border-wise;

(c) whether the smugglers are adopting new techniques thereby posing challenges in apprehending them and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the people living along the border areas are also reported to be involved in the said cases;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the measures taken to check smuggling along the border areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)
(a) & (b): The types of smuggled goods seized are animals, animal skin, currencies, garments, oils, vehicles, wildlife, drugs, cosmetics, medicines, milk, mobile phones, precious metals, grains, clothes, liquor, fish, ammunition, boats, eatables, jute, fertilizer, electronic items, forest products, sugar, FICN etc. The number of cases of cross border smuggling
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including smuggling of drugs along with their value during the last three years, border-wise are given at Annexure. Only 2 persons have been caught along the Indo-China border during the said period.

(c): The smugglers are adopting various techniques like hiding drugs in clothes, shoes, gunny bags, soap cases etc. Concealment of goods through false cavities created in tractor-trolleys/bullock carts, other farm implements etc., digging tunnel, adopting pipe method which is thrown across fence, use of high speed internet Pak mobile network etc. Smuggling is checked through maintenance of strict vigil, physical checking and activation of intelligence resources etc.
(d) to (e): Some of the criminal minded people living along the border areas are at times found involved in the smuggling cases. Indian nationals have been caught as smugglers along the borders.
(f): The following measures have been taken to check smuggling along the border areas:
(i) Review of vulnerability mapping of Border Out Posts (BOPs) in respect of cross border crimes, deployment of additional manpower, special surveillance equipments;
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(ii) Round the clock surveillance of the border through patrolling, laying nakas, establishment of observation posts, installation of border flood lights, introduction of force multipliers and Hi-tech surveillance equipments;
(iii) Upgradation of intelligence network and coordination with sister agencies;
(iv) Conduct of special operations along the border and in depth areas;
(v) Conduct of anti-tunneling exercise on regular basis in vulnerable areas;
(vi) Deployment of additional Company Operating Bases (COBs) in depth areas closer to the border;
(vii) Establishment of Platoon Operating Bases, Temporary Operating Bases, Mobile Operating Bases, Mobile Vehicle Check Posts, Area Domination Patrols and Short and Long Range Patrols along the border.

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